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AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY.

SUBJECT PALESTINE

TO NEW YORK FROM WASHINGTON

DATE July 15, 1924.

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7/15/24
New York

C. P. P.
JUL 16 1924

The Government of Palestine is considering the advisability of issuing its own currency to take place of Egyptian currency which has been used since the occupation by the British forces. It is claimed that such currency, if issued, would have the same basis as the Egyptian, namely, British Treasury bills, and would therefore be just as safe and sound. The benefit which the Egyptian Government now derives from the circulation of its currency in Palestine would henceforth accrue to the benefit of the Government of Palestine.

In spite of some opposition to the change by the local Arab press, a committee has been appointed to consider this matter. This committee is also empowered to make a report upon the monetary unit which should be adopted, and on the denomination and design of coins and notes, as well as to make proposals for the redemption of the present currency, if it favors the adoption of a separate system.

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WASHINGTON

PALESTINE

C. P. R.
JUL 18 1924

July 16, 1924.

Many thanks for your memorandum of the 15th on this subject;
I have passed this information over to Mr. Stalins for his attention.
Should he be able to do anything with this Government we shall take
pleasure in informing you.

JC/IW

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PALESTINE

July 16, 1924.

For your information and consideration I beg to give you herewith transcript of a memorandum just received from our Washington Office, dated July 15, as follows:-

"The Government of Palestine is considering the advisability of issuing its own currency to take the place of Egyptian currency which has been used since the occupation by the British forces. It is claimed that such currency, if issued, would have the same basis as the Egyptian, namely, British Treasury Bills, and would therefore be just as safe and sound. The benefit which the Egyptian Government now derives from the circulation of its currency in Palestine would henceforth accrue to the benefit of the Government of Palestine. In spite of some opposition to the change by the local Arab press, a committee has been appointed to consider this matter. This committee is also empowered to make a report upon the monetary unit which should be adopted, and on the denomination and design of coins and notes, as well as to make proposals for the redemption of the present currency, if it favors the adoption of a separate system."

In view of the already established relations of B.W. & Co. with the National Bank of Egypt, whose notes have probably been in circulation in Palestine heretofore, I would recommend that before you take any active steps in this regard that you have a talk with Mr. Hendriks on this matter, as it is quite possible that the British influence may be stronger than we know.

You should also ascertain, before going too far, if B. W. have an agent in this part of the world.

As far as I can see personally, I consider this to be entirely new business - unless you learn differently from Mr. Hendriks.

PALESTINE

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For your information I would say that after having consulted our files I find that at 3 different times B.W. have quoted, through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, on postage and revenue stamps - first in May 1922, and it was reported to us that the order was given to our competitors - no name mentioned.

The latest quotation given by B.W. is dated June 6, 1924, also through the same Crown Agents for the Colonies, on postage due labels. We have no report as to whether order was awarded to them or to our competitors.

Yours very truly,

Vice President.

JC/IW

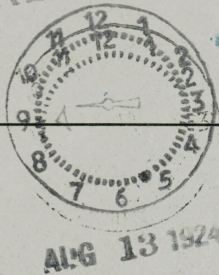
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AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY

SUBJECT

PALESTINE

FOREIGN DEPT.
FOREIGN DEPT.
C. P. R.
AUG 18 1924



TO NEW YORK FROM PARIS

August 4 1924

Paris
to
New York

Referring to your letter of July 16th, I talked this matter over with Mr. Hendriks and Mr. Gibbs in London last week and Mr. Hendriks told me that this question was to be treated by the Crown Agents for the Colonies and that he knew all about it and that it was English, so I think that he is in the position to get those orders.

Very truly yours

GS-G

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New York

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY



Reference is made to your letter of the 15th of April last.
In answer to your letter of the 15th of April last, we have
the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities for their consideration.
We are, however, unable to give you any definite answer
at this time.



(COPY)

C. P. R.
AUG 26 1924

4th August 1924

My dear Hendriks:-

Re: Palestine

In looking over your report on our meeting in London last Tuesday, I find that you have omitted to mention Palestine. It is well understood between us that you consider that this affair is to be handled through the Crown Agents and that you hold yourself entirely responsible and desire that we do not enter into this field at all. As I have a long letter from New York under date of July 16th on this subject, I am replying in this sense to them.

Very truly yours

to H. Leslie Hendriks Esq.
New Malden
Surrey

PARIS OFFICE copies

PALESTINE

letter August 7, 1924

filed in BWCo. packet #7 (pink)

AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

C. D. R.
NOV 28 1938

November 26, 1938.

Mr. H. R. Treadwell, Vice President,
Bronx Plant.

PALESTINE
Counterfeit State Notes of 10 Palestine Pounds

We enclose herewith translation of the description of these counterfeits, which appeared in "Contrefaçons et Falsifications", together with clichés of the face of back of same and would thank you to make three photostats each of these clichés at your convenience.

Asst. Manager Foreign Department.

GWTC:grl

3 encls.

November 29, 1938.

Mr. H. R. Treadwell, Vice President,

Bronx Plant.

PALESTINE
Counterfeit State Notes of 10 Palestine Pounds.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 29th together with the three photographs mentioned therein and for which we are obliged.

Asst. Manager Foreign Department.

GWTG:grl

C.P.R.
NOV 30 1938

N.Y.-Nov.29, 1938

extract from Mr. GWTC to Mr. HJB filing copy in pkt : #141
CONTREFACONS et FALSIFICATIONS

"It would be very interesting and useful to us if you could gather any further information in regard to the counterfeit of the "Ten Palestine Pounds" note of the Palestine Currency Board which is mentioned in the above report or better yet, we would like to have one of these counterfeits, if it is possible for you to obtain it."

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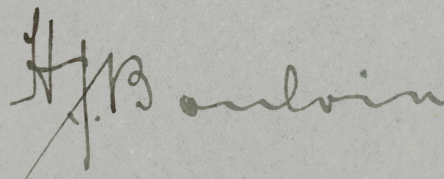
CONTREFACONS ET FALSIFICATIONS

DATE January 10, 1939

G.W.T.C.
JAN 18 1939H. J. Boulvin
to
New York

Referring to your letter of November 29th, I have attempted to obtain additional information concerning the counterfeited a10.- note or a specimen of it, addressing the Palestine Currency Board, London, and the office of the above named publication but have, I regret to say, had no success at all in my quest.

Yours very truly,



B

H. J. Boulvin

to

New York

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JAN 17 1939

Referring to your letter of November 23rd, I have attempted to obtain additional information concerning the counterfeit 10. - note or a specimen of it, addressing the British Currency Board, London, and the Office of the above named institution but have, I regret to say, had no success at all in my quest.

JAN 18 1939

Yours very truly,

[Handwritten signature]

CONTREFAÇONS ET FALSIFICATIONS

June 1939.

Translation

Heading I
P-I-1

Supplement to : 1938 Edition, Heading I: P-I-1.

PALESTINE

COUNTERFEIT PALESTINIAN STATE NOTES
OF 10 PALESTINIAN POUNDS

Type 1.

State notes of the "Palestine Currency Board", Jerusalem, with date of issue September 30th, 1929 of ten Palestine Pounds).

Twenty-four counterfeits of this type, described and reproduced in "Contre-façons et Falsification" (1938 Issue, Heading I: P-I-1, 1a and 1b) which were seized in Palestine and in Syria.

(See cliché (face) of one of these counterfeits, numbered A162956: P-1-1a.

American Bank Note Company
Garrison Ave. & Tiffany St.
New York, N.Y.

ackd.
G.W.T.C.
NOV 29 1938

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
BRONX PLANT

November 29, 1938

C.P.R.
NOV 30 1938

Mr. G. W. T. Combs
Assistant Manager
Foreign Department

re - PALESTINE
Counterfeit State Notes of 10 Palestine Pounds

Enclose herewith 3 photographs each of the face and back of the
2 cliches covering the above sent with your letter of November
26.

Also, return the 2 cliches sent with your letter.

H. R. Reading

Vice President

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Enclosures

1 photograph to H. M. Keith - see 11/28/38 in #116
" " Mr. A. L. Schomp.
" " file.

Faux Billets de Banque et Monnaies

Contrefaçons et Falsifications

Système Keating

215-217, chaussée d'Ixelles, BRUXELLES

Novembre 1938

Rubrique I

P-I-1a

Palestine

Faux Billets de Banque et Monnaies

Contrefaçons et Falsifications

Système Keating

215-217, chaussée d'Ixelles, BRUXELLES

Novembre 1938

Rubrique I

P-I-1b

Palestine

(Reproduction interdite)



Faux billet d'Etat de 10 Livres. Endroit, format réduit.
(Voir Rubrique I : P-I-1 et 1b.)

(Reproduction interdite)



Faux billet d'Etat de 10 Livres. Envers, format réduit.
(Voir Rubrique I : P-I-1 et 1a.)

CONTREFACONS ET FALSIFICATIONS

Translation

November 1938.

Heading I
P-1-1

PALESTINE

COUNTERFEIT STATE NOTES OF 10 POUNDS
(Ten Palestine Pounds)

Type 1.

State Notes of the "Palestine Currency Board", Jerusalem.

Date of issue September 30, 1929.

CHARACTERISTICS:

Watermark: imitated by surface printing.

Face (See cliché P-1-1a);

General aspect: faint. The printing is smooth to the touch, contrarily to that of the authentic notes. The execution of the lathe work in the border is coarse. The numerals in the four corners lack form (plastic art). The shadows in the design on the left are faint, lacking clarity and are strongly outlined (on the authentic notes, they are plastic and blend smoothly in the tint). The name of the printing firm is printed irregularly and is illegible.

Back: (See cliché P-1-1b);

General aspect: faint. The lathe work is coarsely executed. The shadows in the design are faint and lack clearness. The name of the printing firm is rendered irregularly by means of uneven characters.

Remark: a counterfeit, seized in August 1938, at Haifa, bears number "A 163404".

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